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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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- ☒ A. This information disclosure statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the application, or within three months of entry into the national stage, or before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits. Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.97(b), consideration of this information disclosure statement does not require a fee or a statement under 37 CFR § 1.97(e). However, should the Commissioner determine that a fee is, in fact, due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.
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- ☐ 1. Applicants hereby state that each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.
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## II. Copies of Listed References

- ☐ A. No copies of references are being provided as all references cited on Form PTO-1449 are either U.S. Patents or U.S. Patent Application Publications.
- ☒ B. Copies of all references which are foreign patents or non-patent literature listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are being supplied unless otherwise noted.
- ☐ C. Copies of all references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 have already been supplied during the prosecution of prior application Serial No., from which the present application claims priority pursuant to 35 USC § 120. Therefore, pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.98(d), copies of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are not now being supplied.
- ☐ D. This application is a PCT national stage application, all references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 were cited in the international search report, and PCT/DO/EO/903 indicates that both the international search report and the copies of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are in this national stage file. Therefore, copies of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are not now being supplied.

## III. Concise Statement of Relevance

- ☐ A. All references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are in the English language or a parallel U.S. patent or an English abstract has been provided, and, therefore, a concise statement of relevance is not required.
- ☒ B. A concise statement of the relevance of all references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 that are *not in the English language*, is being provided on a separate sheet.
- ☐ C. All references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 were cited in the search report issued by the \_\_\_\_\_ Patent Office, and an English-language version of that search report, which indicates the degree of relevance found by that Patent Office, is attached.
- ☐ D. This application is a PCT national stage application, all references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 were cited in the international search report, and a copy of that search report, which indicates the degree of relevance found by the International Search Authority, is attached.

- ☐ E. All listed on the attached Form PTO 1449 were cited during the prosecution of the prior application indicated above under II.C.

**IV. Additional Information**

- ☐ A. In addition to the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Examiner the following abandoned or co-pending U.S. patent applications:

[Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), copies of these applications are not being submitted.]

- ☒ B. In addition of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Examiner the information provided on the attached sheet.

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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